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Legislator Spencer Secures Funding for Dynamic Cultural and Community Programs

*Huntington Arts Council, Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum
and SPARKBOOM in the Station to receive cultural funding*

HAUPPAUGE, NY – Suffolk County Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D. was able to secure funding for two cultural programs that have long been a part of the 18th Legislative District as well as a Destination Downtown grant for *SPARKBOOM in the Station*; an upcoming Huntington Station event geared toward the GenY population. Via Introductory Resolution 1552-2014, sponsored by Legislator Spencer at last week's general meeting of the legislature, both Huntington Arts Council and the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum will be receiving \$5,000 in Cultural Arts Funding Community Grants. The Huntington Arts Council will also receive \$13,000 as an awardee of Destination Downtown, a marketing campaign of the Suffolk County Office of Film & Cultural Affairs, for their *SPARKBOOM in the Station* event.

"These grants will benefit Long Island as a region; from promoting and facilitating arts and culture throughout Long Island to cultivating our relationship to the sea, The Huntington Arts Council and The Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum bring tremendous value and enrichment to the communities they serve and beyond," stated Legislator Spencer. "I'm also excited to support *SPARKBOOM in the Station* event. The energy created at this event lifts and promotes emerging artists and attracts all walks of life to connect for the love and joy of art."

Diana Cherryholmes, Executive Director at Huntington Arts Council, stated, "Receiving Destination Downtown grant for *SPARKBOOM at the Station* validates the work we are doing with the GenY artists and showcasing emerging artists. I'm thankful for the support of the county in creating these opportunities."

The Huntington Arts Council is located at 213 Main Street, Huntington and the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum is located at 301 Main Street, Cold Spring Harbor.

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